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RECORD OF COMUSMACV FONECON

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SUBJECT: Update

General run-down: weather extremely bad up north. ARVN bogged down in Hue, have to get reinforcements in there; talk to GEN Vien about this. Enemy blew up both the RR and the highway bridges there.

Got 16 of 21 Americans out of Lang Vei, but 5,000 Lao refugees around. Need guidance on what to do about this--[redacted]

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Sporadic firing at Khe Sanh.

Enemy trying to get into Da Nang same way as Hue; situation tense.

Da Lat lot better; COL An, Ex officer, CO 3d Div, in charge.

Small ambush on Hghwy 19. Mortar fire at Dak To. No serious action III Corps, beginning to get roads open. Still fighting in three districts of Gia Dinh; VC trying to burn rice warehouses. Opening road My Tho-Saigon. ARVN got 33 body count, 16 POW and Riverine got 80 body count at Vinh Long.

Good operation at Tra Vinh--52 body count, 4 friendly KIA. Snipers out of Can Tho. Cua Lai attacked last night.

About 24,000 body count so far. 6,200 individual weapons captured.

Amb said talked to Thieu; he seems receptive to our proposals for reconstruction. Anxious to expand present efforts to other areas as soon as secure.

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